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TAGS: BBSR, IR
SUBJ: WTDR/FTI: UNION CARBIDE IRAN LTD.

REF: USDOC 7375

1. IRAN
OFFICE USE: 2. 507 3. 4. 01
5. UNION CARBIDE IRAN LTD.
6. P.O. BOX 314-1143, 6 WEST AZARSHAHR ST.
7. TEHRAN
8. CONTACT: WILLIAM F. WASSMANN
9. TITLE: MANAGING DIRECTOR
10. PHONE: 894259; 893860 11. TELEX: 212937 UCME IR
12. CABLE: UNICARBIDE
13. ESTABL: 1966 14. EMPL: 100 15. SIZE: MEDIUM
16. REPUTATION: (Y) GOOD 17. RPT: DATE: 7/78
OFFICE USE: 18. NA 19. X 20. X 21. NA 22. NA
23A. 33397-33/5 IMP. MAGNESIUM ORE.
23B. 33414-OX/5 IMP. ZINC ORE.
23C. 36920-2X/OM MANUFACTURER DRY CELL BATTERIES.
24. FOREIGN SALES: LOCAL ONLY
25. FINANCIAL REFS: BANK MELLI IRAN
26. TRADE REFS: UNION CARBIDE CORP., NEW YORK.
27. FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED: UNION CARBIDE, CORP., N.Y.
28. POST EVALUATION: FIRM WAS STARTED IN 1966 AS ITT
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BATTERY COMPANY OF IRAN, PURCHASED BY UNION CARBIDE CORP.
IN 1969. UNION CARBIDE OWNS 100 PERCENT OF EQUITY, SET
AT DOLLARS 1.3 MILLION. PURPOSE OF FIRM WAS PRODUCTION
OF FLASHLIGHT TYPE DRY CELL BATTERIES IN IRAN, AND PLANT
CAPACITY IS 50 MILLION UNITS PER YEAR. HOWEVER, FIRM
WAS NEVER ABLE TO PRODUCE MORE THAN 35 MILLION UNITS
BECAUSE OF LOW LABOR PRODUCTIVITY AND HIGH COSTS. UNION

CARBIDE IRAN RECOMMENDED THAT NEW PLANT BE BUILT IN IRAN
AT COST OF 10 TO 12 MILLION DOLLARS, BUT CORPORATE
MANAGMENT DECIDED TO CLOSE PLANT AND SELL ASSETS. PRO-
DUCTION CEASED IN MAY 78 AND PLANT IS NOW FOR SALE.
29. PREP: G.P. WILSON APPR: DAVID E. WESTLEY
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